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Title : CYTOKINE-, STRESS, AND ONCOPROTEIN-ACTIVATED HUMAN
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, replace lines 10 to 14 with the following

--This application is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/149,879, filed on September 8, 1998; which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/057,009, filed on April 7, 1998; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/530,950, filed on September 19, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,736,381; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/446,083, filed on May 19, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,804,427. The disclosures of the prior applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

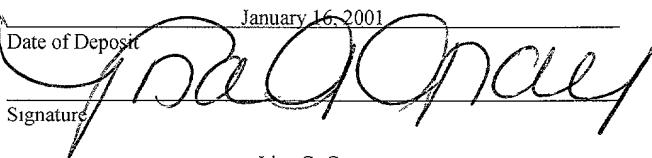
In the Claims:

Cancel claims 2-31, 45-49, 53-55 without prejudice.

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REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims already allowed and/or prosecuted in earlier related applications. Applicants may file a subsequent preliminary amendment to refine claims depending from canceled claims.

Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested. No fees are believed due. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10363-003004.

Respectfully submitted,

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